GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified five coastal sites for setting up of Nuclear Power Plants to augment generation capacity of 30000 MW as reported in Business Line on August, 16, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also decided to procure overseas uranium mines through joint ventures;

(d) if so, whether talks have been held with foreign countries in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) "In-principle" approval has been accorded by the Government of India for the coastal sites at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu and Jaitapur in Maharashtra, for setting up of 2 x 1000 MWe nuclear power reactors each. Further, the Site Selection Committee (SSC) constituted by the Government of India has evaluated the potential of coastal sites in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa and West Bengal for setting up of future nuclear power reactors. However, no decision has been taken.

(c) to (e) The Government has been exploring international cooperation in the civilian nuclear energy sector with all potential partners.